Virginia Avenue Tunnel Reconstruction
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The Federal Highway Administration and the District Department of Transportation are considering approvals for the proposed reconstruction of Virginia Avenue Tunnel. The tunnel is owned by CSX Transportation, Inc. and is located beneath eastbound Virginia Avenue SE, with portals located a short distance west of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE and a short distance east of 11<sup>th</sup> Street SE. The proposed project will include reconstruction of the tunnel, including converting the tunnel's single-track to a two-track configuration, and providing vertical clearance for double-stack intermodal container freight trains. Impacts of a no-build and 3 build alternatives are analyzed in this Draft EIS. A preferred alternative has not been selected yet.

Comments on this Draft EIS are due by August 26,2013 and should be sent to Mr. Faisal Hameed at the address provided above or email to contact@virginiaavenuetunnel.com.